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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

RONALD W. ROUSH and JAMES  
H. HUNTER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

AKAL GROUP OF COMPANIES,  
LLC, doing business as Akal  
Security, Inc.,

Defendant.

NO: 2:17-CV-358-RMP

NOTICE SETTING TELEPHONIC  
SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

**A. Telephonic Scheduling Conference**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a telephonic scheduling conference will be held on the date and time noted below. Counsel and pro se parties shall use the following information to participate in the hearing:

**DATE: September 10, 2019 at 2:30 p.m.**

**PHONE NUMBER: 1-888-363-4749**

**ACCESS CODE: 6699898**

**Speaker phones are not compatible with the Court's sound system and may not be used.** Please listen carefully and follow the automated instructions so that you will be added to the conference in a timely manner.

1           **B.**     The provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 apply. The parties shall confer at  
2 least **fourteen (14) days** in advance of the scheduling conference and shall be  
3 prepared to discuss at the scheduling conference the following issues:

- 4           1.     Whether service is complete and, if not, the expected date of  
5                 completion;
- 6           2.     Whether jurisdiction, venue, and standing are proper;
- 7           3.     Whether the parties consent for this matter to be tried before a  
8                 magistrate judge;
- 9           4.     The nature and basis of their claims (brief summary);
- 10          5.     A preferred trial date and estimated length of trial;
- 11          6.     Anticipated motions;
- 12          7.     Arrangement for the disclosures required under Fed. R. Civ. P.  
13                 26(a)(1);
- 14          8.     A proposed Discovery Plan as discussed in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f).<sup>1</sup>  
15                 This plan shall include the disclosures required under Rule 26(a)(1)  
16                 and shall also include a time and platform agreed upon for the exchange  
17                 of e-discovery, if any;
- 18          9.     Whether class certification is alleged. The parties shall include a  
19                 suggested cut-off date as outlined in Local Rule 23.1;

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20           <sup>1</sup> The parties are encouraged to use the following link for arriving at interim  
21           deadlines by inserting a proposed trial date: [http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/civil-trial-](http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/civil-trial-dates)  
              [dates](http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/civil-trial-dates).

- 1           10. Whether the case involves a beneficial interest claim of a minor
- 2           or incompetent that requires appointment of a Guardian ad litem;
- 3           11. The appropriateness of special procedures such as consolidation
- 4           of actions for discovery or pretrial, reference to a master or
- 5           magistrate, to arbitration, to the Judicial Panel on Multi-district
- 6           Litigation, or application of the procedures included in the
- 7           Manual for Complex Litigation;
- 8           12. Modification of the standard procedures due to the relative
- 9           simplicity or complexity of the action or proceeding;
- 10          13. Feasibility of bifurcation, or otherwise structuring sequence of
- 11          the trial;
- 12          14. Whether there will be a point in the litigation when the parties
- 13          can conduct meaningful settlement discussions or participation in
- 14          another form of alternative dispute resolution;
- 15          15. Identification of any issues that should be certified to the state
- 16          Supreme Court; and
- 17          16. Any other matters which may be conducive to the just, efficient,
- 18          and economical determination of the action or proceeding,
- 19          including the definition or limitation of issues.

20          **C. On or before September 3, 2019, the parties shall file the following:**

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1           1.     **Consent Form:** The parties shall complete the attached [Consent](#)  
2     [Form](#) and return it to the Clerk of the Court, as instructed, advising whether  
3     the parties consent to this case being tried by a United States Magistrate  
4     Judge. See 28 U.S.C. § 636 as amended;

5           2.     **Statement Identifying Corporate Information:** Any non-  
6     governmental corporate party to this action shall file a statement identifying  
7     all its parent corporations and listing any publicly held company that owns  
8     10% or more of the party's stock. Counsel have an ongoing responsibility to  
9     supplement this information;

10          3.     **Joint Status Report (Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f)):** The parties shall  
11     file a Joint Status Report (or separate reports if necessary), reflecting the  
12     results of their conference and the parties' position with respect to **each**  
13     **subject outlined in section B** of this Notice.

14     Counsel are expected to comply with the spirit of Rule 26 and seek to  
15     minimize the time and expense of discovery.

16     **DATED** August 1, 2019.

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18                   SEAN F. McAVOY  
                  DISTRICT COURT CLERK

19                   s/Michelle M. Fox  
20                   MICHELLE M. FOX  
                  Deputy Clerk